Loans by public sector banks

†666. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector banks have provided loans to agriculture and industry sector and have invested capital in the buying and selling of shares;

(b) if so, the details of the amount invested in the above said sectors during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the amount of return earned in the form of interest and profit by these banks during the said each year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per information given by RBI the amount of outstanding loans to agriculture and industry sector and amount of investment in shares by Select Scheduled Commercial Banks as on last Friday of March for the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	As at the end of March		
	2000	2001	2002
Outstanding loans to Agriculture	44,381	51,922	60,761
Outstanding loans to Industry	2,00,133	2,18,839	2,29,523
Investment in Shares	5,466	5,183	5,926

(c) The interest income and profit earned by public sector banks during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	Year ending on 31st March		
	2000	2001	2002
Interest income	79,414	91,129	1,00,722
Profit	5,116	4,317	8,301

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.